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#### Shrubs:

Check the Ph on evergreens and shrubs that like a high Ph ( Arborvitae, Yew, Boxwood, Lilac, Privet, Ligustrum, and Peony ) use [a Luster Leaf electronic Ph tester](#) to test the ph. If the Ph needs to be increased use [Bonide Hydrated Lime](#).

Holly, Azaleas , Rhododendrons, Mountain laurels, Pierce Japonica, Gardenia , and Camellia like a low PH to grow. Use a Luster Leaf PH tester to check the PH. If the PH for those plants are over 6 apply [Cotton seed meal](#) now, spring, then again in mid-summer.

Remember that Fall is the best time for planting. Visit your garden center. There is a good selection of plants and they are priced to move. When planting these new plants water them in with [Kick Start](#) to help establish a quick root system. Don't forget to feed your deciduous trees and shrubs with [Plant Trust](#) now.

#### Lawn:

- The Late Fall [Turf Trust](#) application is the most important lawn feeding of the year.
- Lawns fed with [Turf Trust](#) in the late fall may be more disease and drought resistant in the summer.
- It is important that [Turf Trust](#) is applied at the right time. It should be applied after the last mowing while the grass is still healthy and green & well before the lawn goes dormant.
- Grass is still carrying on photosynthesis (making sugar) at this time. Because the grass is not growing on the top, energy is directed to make more roots, crowns, rhizomes, and stolons, this will make your lawn more drought resistant. Energy not used from a late Turf Trust application will be stored for the "early spring green-up."

#### Perennials:

If your perennials are over crowded now is the time to divide them after cutting them back for the season. Extra plants can be given away or planted in a new bed. After transplanting them be sure to use [Gallery broadleaf weed preventer](#), before you mulch the area with Sweet Peet to prevent weeds ( Chickweed , Henbit, and Shepardspurse ) And always remember to feed your perennials now with [Garden Trust](#). Delphinium and Foxglove seed stalks can be cut into smaller pieces and can be spread onto a new growing area ( Cover them lightly with compost). Next spring this should produce many new Delphinium and Foxglove plants.

#### Flowers:

Make sure you have Tulips, Daffodils , and Crocus ready after the first frost, it will be time to replace the summer flowers with these bulbs. If you want instant color you can plant Violas / Pansies over top of the newly planted Dutch flower bulbs, but make sure the bulbs are planted deep enough (3-5 inches) After planting the Violas / Pansies apply [Garden Trust](#), It will last long enough to feed the plants from fall and throughout Spring. Plant Fritillaria bulbs to repel moles and mice in your bulb beds. Be sure to use [Bonide Mouse magic](#) now to keep mice out of your garage , camper, boat, and sheds. A note for landscape contractors, There is a shortage of Darwin Hybrid tulips. If you have not purchased them by now you may not be able to find them in large quantities they may only be available in small amounts in retail stores.

#### House Plants:

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House plants that are susceptible to mites (Ivy, Prayer Plant, and Schefflera ) Treat them with [Summit year-round spray oil for houseplants now](#), before they show signs of an infestation. Use Seamate every time you water your indoor plants.

Remember to always follow the labeled instructions when using any pesticide.